

**Second Sunday of Lent - March 16, 2025**

**Congregational responses are in bold.**

(\*) Indicates Standing

**We Come Together**

**Prelude...** *(this is an opportunity for us to appreciate the gift of music and prepare our hearts for worship)*

**\*Introit** "Throughout These Lenten Days and Nights" v.1 **VU#108**

**Lighting of the Christ Candle**

**Announcements**

**Call to Worship:**

One: Shepherd us, O God.

**All: Open our ears to hear You calling.**

One: Shepherd us, O God.

**All: Open our eyes to see Your care.**

One: Shepherd us, O God.

**All: Open our hearts to the hearts of others.**

One: Shepherd us, O God.

**All: As we worship; in silence, song and prayer.**

**\*Hymn:** "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah" **VU#651**

**Opening Prayer:** *(unison)*

**Loving God, in this moment, our spirits yearn for Your Spirit, and our hearts long to be gathered to Jesus' side, as a hen gathers her brood. By Your grace, allow us to see You working in our daily lives, to hear Your life-giving Word, and to know the rhythmic beating of Your heart resounding within our own. Bless us as we continue through this time of Lent and grant us the focus we need to follow wherever Your Spirit may lead. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen**

**Personal Prayer** "And When You Call for Me" x2 **MV#96**

**The Lord's Prayer**

**Children's Learning Time**

**Children's Prayer:**

**In faith and in trust we follow You, God,  
wherever Your love may lead.  
We look towards our saviour,**

**whose voice our souls so need.  
As we continue on this journey,  
with Jesus at our side,  
help us follow in His footsteps,  
leaving fear behind.  
For each of us is precious,  
and wonderful in His sight,  
none of us are strangers, but family held in light. Amen.**

**\*Hymn:** "I Am a Child of God" **MV#157**

**We Listen to the Word**

**Prayer of Illumination**

**Scripture Lesson:**

**Psalm:** 27 (pg. 754 VU)

**Gospel:** Luke 13: 31-35

**Response** (*seated*): "May God's Sheltering Wings" x2 **MV#214**

**Sermon**

**Anthem** "We Are the Hands of Christ"

**Prayers of the People**

**\*Hymn:** "How Firm a Foundation" **VU#660**

**We Respond to the Word**

**Invitation to the Offering:**

**\*Sung Dedication:**

"In Gratitude and Humble Trust" **VU#544**

**\*Offertory Prayer:** (*unison*)

**Holy One, in this Lenten season, we are grateful for Your unfailing presence. We offer these gifts as signs of our covenant with You—gifts of our hearts, works of our hands, and dreams of Your Kingdom among us. Take them and bless them for use within our community and world for the good of Your people. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

**\*Hymn:** "One More Step Along the World I Go" **VU#639**

**\*Blessing:**

One: As we move from this place we go:

**All: With the love of God on our hearts, with Jesus' walking at our side, and with the light of the Holy Spirit ever guiding our way. Thanks be to God. Amen.**

**\*Extinguishing our Lenten light:**

*"Today you will be with me in paradise."*

**\*Choral Benediction** "God, as We Rise to Leave" v.1 **VU#417**

**Postlude**

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**Volunteer Schedule:**

<b>Ushers:</b>	<b>Mar 16</b> Annie T. & John	<b>Mar 23</b> Kim & Kevin
	<b>Mar 30</b> Bill S. & John	
<b>Screens:</b>	<b>Mar 16</b> Erik	<b>Mar 23</b> Tracy <b>Mar 30</b> Kevin

<b>This Week's Calendar</b>			
<b>Tues</b>	10:00am	<b>Craft Group</b>	Kitchen
	7:00pm	<b>Church Council</b>	Boardroom
<b>Wed</b>	7:00pm	<b>Choir Practice</b>	Sanctuary
<b>Thurs</b>	12:00pm	<b>Lunch with Friends</b>	Church Hall

\*Tai Chi is offered on Mon, Wed & Fri \*

*\*Scouts, Embers, Rumi After School Learning Centre, Church of Pentecost and other groups use the church spaces during*

**Announcements:**

**Lunch with Friends:** Thurs., Mar 20th @ noon. Sign up at the back of the church or in the office until Mar 17th at 12pm. Cost is \$7.00 payable at the lunch. **Menu:** ham & scalloped potatoes, plus dessert, tea and coffee. **Program:** Keyboard musician

**Notice of Annual Meeting:** Mount Royal's Annual Congregational Meeting will be held on Sunday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> at 10:30am.